MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are two sets of rules, *viz.*, rules relating to contracts in the Public Works Department and those relating to contracts in other departments.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Not with respect to the Excise Department?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The contracts in the Excise Department will come under the latter rules.

Prosecution of Police Officers.

140. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications received by them for sanction to prosecute police officers in 1098;

(*b*) the number of cases in which departmental enquiry was held;

(*c*) the number of cases in which sanction was given for prosecution; and

(*d*) the number of police officers prosecuted?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 2.

(*b*) 2.

(*c*) *Nil.*

(*d*) *Nil.*

Delay in the Disbursement of Salaries to Vernacular School Teachers.

141. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that vernacular school teachers are not paid their salaries punctually owing to the delay in the sanction of proposition statements and the difficulties of departmental routine?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to remove their grievance in this respect?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under examination.

Lands available for Registry to Depressed Classes.

142. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to notify in the *Gazette* the area of *puduval* and *poramboke* lands in each taluk available for registry to members of the depressed classes?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): G. O. No. 1464 of 21/Revenue, dated the 30th September, 1921, makes

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